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SUBJECT: CYPRUS IN UNGA: CYPRIOT REACTION TO US VOTE

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1. I SAW GREEK AMBASSADOR DOUNTAS AT DINNER NOVEMBER 9. HE HAD JUST BEEN WITH MAKARIOS. DOUNTAS SAID MAKARIOS' REACTION TO US VOTE ON HANDLING OF CYPRUS ITEM WAS "VERY, VERY NEGATIVE."

2. AGAINST THIS BACKGROUND AND REFERRING TO US/EC-9 "PRINCIPLES", DOUNTAS EXPRESSED THE PERSONAL OPINION THAT IT WOULD BE A MISTAKE FOR THE US TO TAKE ANY INITIATIVE ON THE CYPRUS PROBLEM BEFORE NEW US ADMINISTRATION TAKES OFFICE. HE ASSERTED THAT MAKARIOS DID NOT LIKE WHAT HE KNEW OF THE "PRINCIPLES" AND WOULD NOT CONSIDER THEM IF THEY WERE PRESENTED IN THE EXISTING ATMOSPHERE. I REPLIED THAT I HAD NO INSTRUCTIONS

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AS TO NEXT STEPS, IF ANY, BUT FELT THE ARCHBISHOP WOULD BE

ILL-SERVING GREEK CYPRIOT INTERESTS IF HE DID NOT CAREFULLY
CONSIDER PRINCIPLES IF AND WHEN PRESENTED.

3. RETURNING TO THE US VOTE, DOUNTAS SAID MAKARIOS THOUGHT
IT HAD BEEN MOTIVATED BY ONE OF TWO CONSIDERATIONS: REACTION
TO HIS "AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE" INTERVIEW (REFTEL), OR AN
EFFORT TO CURRY FAVOR WITH THE TURKS TO INDUCE A FAVORABLE
REACTION TO PRINCIPLES WHEN PRESENTED. WHICHEVER, DOUNTAS SAID
SNIDELY, THE US VOTE HAD "BURIED" THE PRINCIPLES AS FAR AS
GREEKS AND PRESENT US ADMINISTRATION WERE CONCERNED.

4. SURPRISINGLY, US VOTE HAS DRAWN VERY LITTLE REACTION FROM
GREEK CYPRIOT PRESS. TFSC STATEMENTS AND TURKISH CYPRIOT PRESS,
ON OTHER HAND, HAVE INTERPRETED US POSITION AND RESULTS OF
VOTE AS A FACE-DOWN FOR MAKARIOS AND A MEASURE OF INCREASING
INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION OF TFSC'S EQUALITY.

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